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GROUP: 3309

EXAMINER: S. Harris

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APPLICANT: G. Blount et al.

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FOR: LASER DELIVERY SYSTEM

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

- 1. Applicant hereby petitions pursuant to 37 C.F.R.§1.136(a) 1 month extension of time for response to the outstanding Official Action mailed September 21, 1992. The period for response was previously set to elapse December 21, 1992, and is accordingly hereby extended to January 21, 1993, which is still within the six-month statutory period for response (35 U.S.C.§133) which elapses March 21, 1993.
  - The reason for this petition is as follows:
    - /X/ A response to the outstanding Official Action is being filed herewith.
    - / / It is expected that a response to the outstanding Official Action will be filed within the extending period for response;
    - / / A Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals (37 C.F.R.§1.191) is being filed herewith;
    - It is expected that a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals (37 C..F.R.§1.191) will be filed within the weak nded period for response;

A Division, Continuation, or Continuation-In-Part is being filed, and it is desired to maintain the present application in pending condition pursuant to 35 U.S.C.§120 through at least the filing date of the Division, Continuation, or Continuation-In-Part application.

- 3. Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R.§1.9(f)) in this application:
  - /X/ Has been established by a Verified Statement or Declaration filed November 6, 1991;
  - / / Is established by Verified Statement or Declaration enclosed herewith;
  - / / Has not been established.
- 4. The required fee as established by 37 C.F.R.§1.17(a), (b), (c), or (d) pursuant to 35 U.S.C.§41(a)(8) is:

	Small Entity	Other Than <u>Small Entity</u>
First Month	/X/ \$ 55.00	// \$110.00
Second Month	/ / \$180.00	// \$360.00
Third Month	/ / \$420.00	// \$840.00
Fourth Month	/ / \$660.00	// \$1,320.00

If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor. (check if applicable)

// An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request

\$55.00

- 5. The above fee is:
  - /X/ Enclosed.
  - /X/ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 16-2201. Duplicates of this sheet are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted.

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